Souvenir Programme

of the

LAYING OF THE
FOUNDATION STONE
SOUTHEND & DISTRICT
NEW
GENERAL HOSPITAL

BY H.R.H

The Duchess of York

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12th
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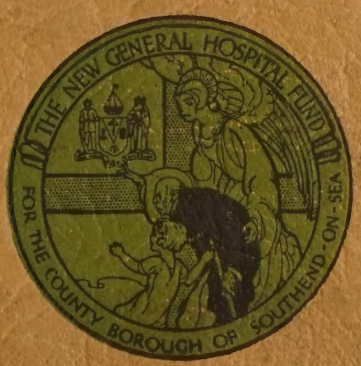

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FOREWORD

THE Hospital is the refuge of us all, young and old; strong and weakly; rich and poor. Our need of it may come at any moment, for illness, accident and misfortune know no time limit; they move quickly, oft-times catching us unawares. For that emergency none may be unready, and for it no adequate preparation can be made alone.

¶ Therefore we must work together, give together, so that Southend-on-Sea and District may possess a place of healing, wherein the most skilful treatment and the most cheerful of surroundings may encourage all patients to renewed health of body and consequent refreshment of mind.

¶ Can you refuse to lend your aid to so great a cause, to neglect so timely an opportunity, graced by the presence of Her Royal Highness, of offering a helping hand?

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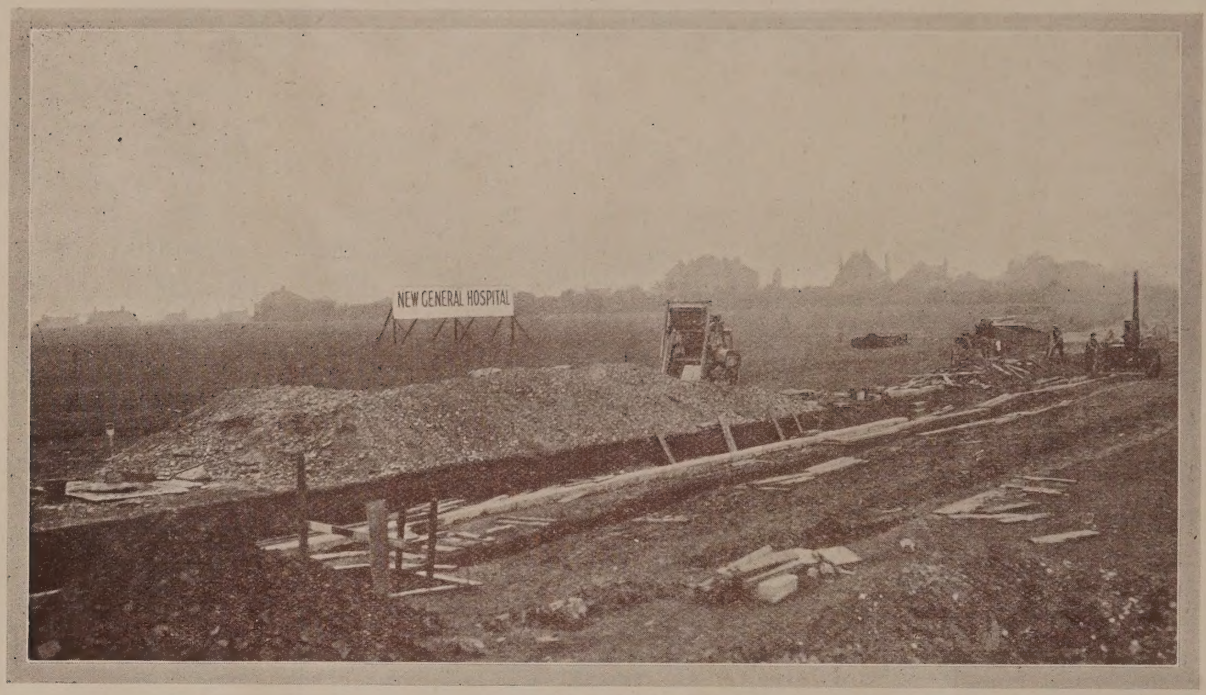
Landmarks in the History of Southend-on-Sea

THE northern bank of the Thames upon which Southend-on-Sea is situated has been peopled from remote time. There is also clear evidence of successive occupation by Romans, Saxons and Danes. The parishes now comprised within the County Borough—Prittlewell, Leigh, Southchurch and part of Eastwood—were all mentioned in the Domesday Book. Southchurch Church recently celebrated the thousandth anniversary of its foundation.

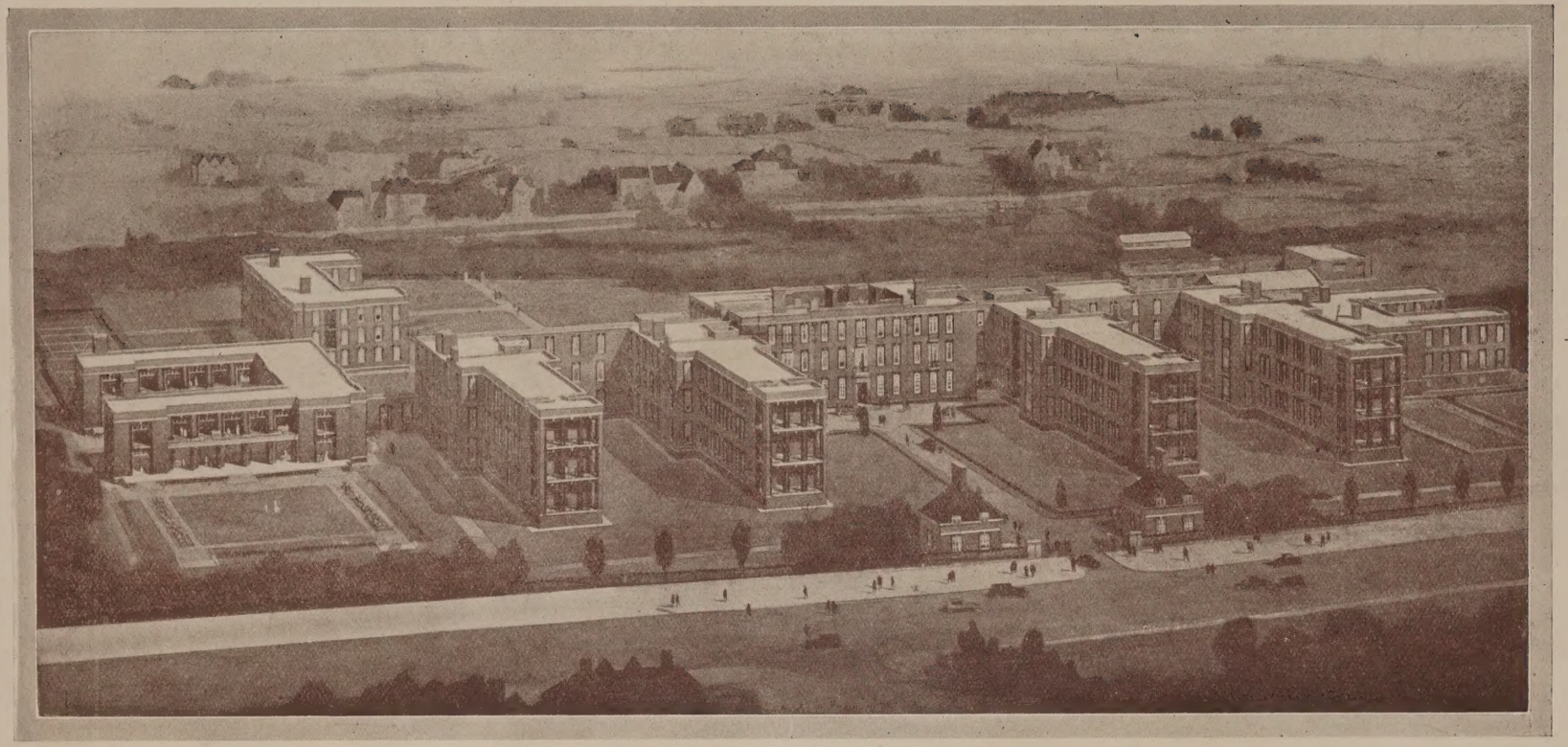
The following are the chief events in the history of the town and neighbourhood since the Norman Conquest:—

1100	Prittlewell Priory established.
1220—30	Hadleigh Castle built.
1340 (Circa)	Southchurch Hall built.
1509—47	First record of the name "Southende" (in the reign of Henry VIII).
1530	Anne Boleyn resident at Rochford Hall.
16th Cent.	Rise of Leigh as a Port and as a Naval Base.
1620—30	Canvey Island drained by the Dutch.
17th Cent.	Prominence of Leigh and Leigh seamen in Naval History and Dutch Wars. Among the great seamen of Leigh were members of the Salmon, Haddock and Goodlad families.
1797	Mutiny of seamen at the Nore.
1801	Princess Charlotte of Wales visited Southend for sea-bathing, on the advice of her physicians.
1803	Princess Caroline of Wales visited Southend.
1829	First stone of the embankment of the Southend Pier laid.
1833 & 1834	Benjamin Disraeli visited Southend.
1835	Commencement of the Pier.
1854	First Railway to Southend constructed (the present L.M. & S.).
1866	Population 3,400, Rateable value £11,234.
1879	Establishment of first Life Boat at Southend.
1899	Second Railway (the present L. & N.E.) constructed.
1892	Incorporation of the Borough. (Population 13,000, Rateable value £82,000.)
1897	Southchurch included in the Borough. (Population 23,000, Rateable value £122,911.)
1909	Visit of Home Fleet and Atlantic Fleet to the City of London (150 vessels moored off Southend).
1913	Leigh-on-Sea and a portion of Eastwood included in the Borough. (Population 82,000. Rateable value £562,574. Area 7,083 acres.)
1914	1st April, attained status of County Borough.
1915	May. Zeppelin raid on town.
1915	June. Visit of H.M. the Queen to Queen Mary's Naval Hospital.
1917	July. Visit of Princess Mary to Queen Mary's Naval Hospital.
1918	April. Blockships for Zeebrugge Raid lie off the Nore.
1920	July. Opening of Priory Park by H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G.
1921 & 1923	July. Visit of H.M. the King (Yachting Week).
1925	March. Opening of London-Southend arterial road by H.R.H. Prince Henry, K.G.
1926	Opening of 18-hole Municipal Golf Course at Belfairs.
1928	Population 130,000. Rateable value £1,100,000
1929	July. Naming of new Motor Lifeboat and opening of new eastern arm of Pier Extension by H.R.H. Prince George, K.G.
1929	October. Grant of Quarter Sessions.
1929	**November. Laying of Foundation Stone of the New General Hospital by H.R.H. the Duchess of York.**



THE SITE TO-DAY.

SOUTHEND PIER, PAVILION AND GARDENS.



THE NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL ON COMPLETION.

PROGRAMME

12.15 p.m. H.R.H. the Duchess of York will be received at the western boundary of the Borough by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex (Brig.-Gen. R. B. Colvin, C.B., D.S.O.), the Mayor and Mayoress, the Recorder, the Town Clerk, and the Chief Constable of Southend.

12.30 p.m. The Royal Car, preceded by the Mayoral Car, will reach the site via London Road, Ramuz Drive, and Springfield Drive.

On the arrival of Her Royal Highness, the National Anthem will be played.

His Worship the Mayor will present certain ladies and gentlemen to Her Royal Highness, who will then inspect the Guard of Honour composed of members of the Southend Branch of the British Legion, the Southend Fire Brigade, Girl Guides, and Boy Scouts.

Following the inspection, Her Royal Highness will take her seat upon the dais, and the Mayor of Southend will call upon the Chairman of the New General Hospital Fund—Alderman H. A. Dowsett, J.P., to speak.

DEDICATION SERVICE

(The full order of service will be distributed on leaflets to those attending.)

Conducted by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford,
assisted by Canon Gowing, Rev. D. Ewart James, and Rev. Plaskow.

Hymn: "O Holy Ghost, Thy people bless."

Reading of Psalm CXXI., Ecclesiasticus XXXVIII. (1-14).

Hymn: "From Thee all skill and science flow."

The Mayor will then ask the Lord Bishop to Dedicate the Stone.

Dedication Prayers.

The Mayor will then call upon Mr. H. Percy Adams, F.R.I.B.A., the Architect, to hand the Silver Trowel, and upon Mr. J. G. Gray, the Builder, to hand the Mallet to Her Royal Highness.

Then shall H.R.H. the Duchess of York Lay the Stone

with these words:

"In the Faith of Jesus Christ we place this Foundation Stone in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost." = Amen.

Prayers said by the Lord Bishop.

The Blessing.

God Save the King.

The singing will be led by the Choir from Prittlewell Church, accompanied by the Pier Band.

PROGRAMME, (cont'd.)

1.0 p.m. Her Royal Highness, escorted by the Lord Lieutenant and the Mayor and Mayoress, will return to her car and proceed via Ramuz Drive, London Road, Hamlet Court Road, Station Road, The Cliffs, Devereux Terrace, Alexandra Street and High Street to the Palace Hotel.

Presentation of Purses at the Kursaal.

2.25 p.m. Her Royal Highness will leave the Palace Hotel for the Kursaal, via Royal Hill and Marine Parade, to be received by His Worship the Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant.

His Worship the Mayor will present certain ladies and gentlemen to Her Royal Highness, who will then inspect the Guard of Honour consisting of Nurses from the local Hospital and Nursing Homes, members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, and of the British Legion, (Women's Section), and Girls' Life Brigade.

Her Royal Highness will be escorted to the Dais in the Ballroom, and the first verse of the National Anthem will then be sung. A Bouquet will be presented by a boy and a girl from the Elementary Schools.

The Earl of Iveagh, C.B., C.M.G., D.L., will speak, and offer to Her Royal Highness the deeds of his gift, including the title deeds of the Hospital Site. He will then call upon the following gentlemen:

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. Thurlow Baker), to present on behalf of the Burgesses, the sum subscribed as a Thank-offering for the recovery of His Majesty the King.

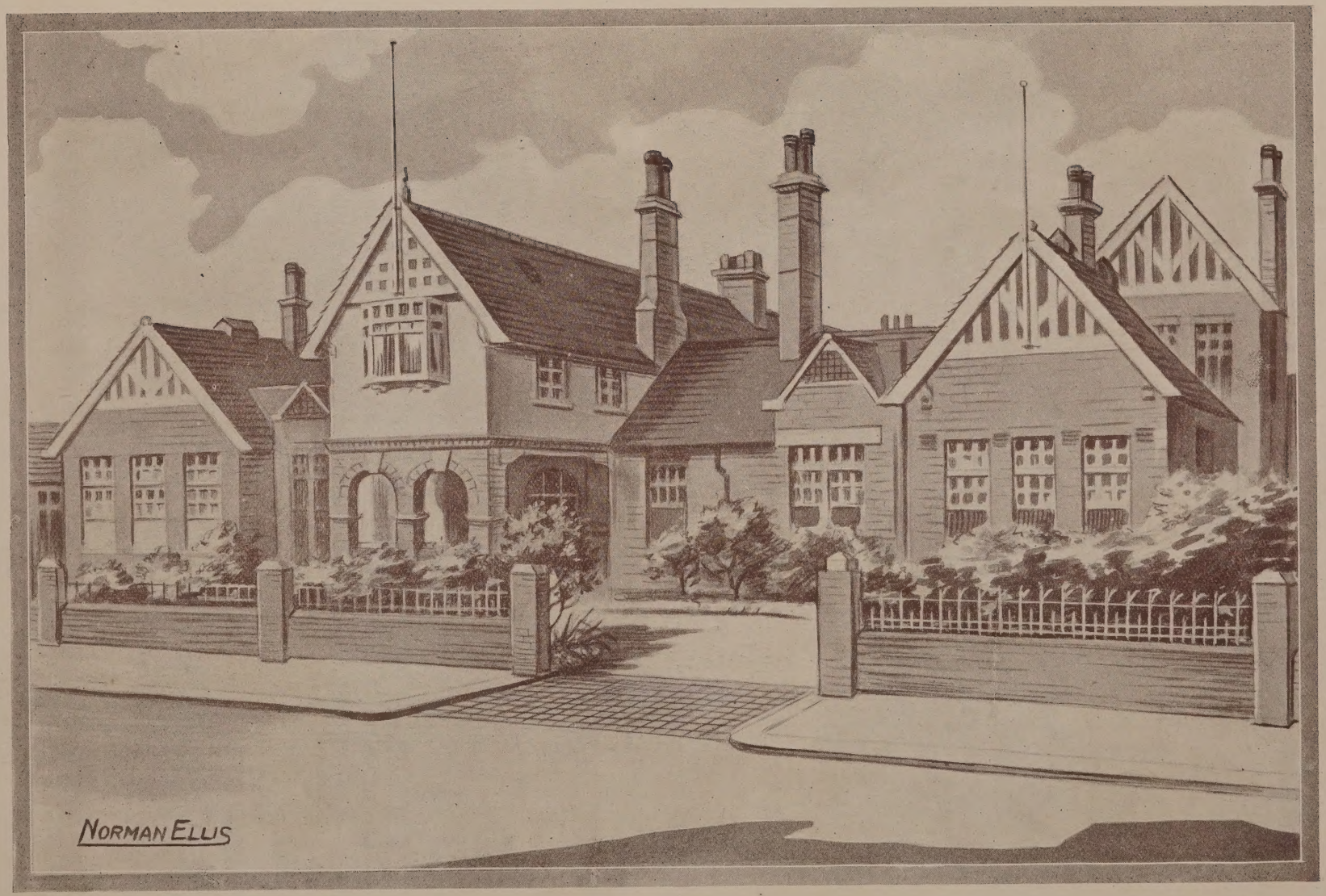
Alderman A. Martin, to present the documents relating to the sum of £58,000 given by him in connection with the above Fund, for the maintenance of the Hospital.

Mr. E. Cecil Jones, M.C., to present the documents relating to his gift of £10,000 for the Children's Wing Fund.

Mr. Edmund Stone (Chairman, Victoria Hospital), will speak.

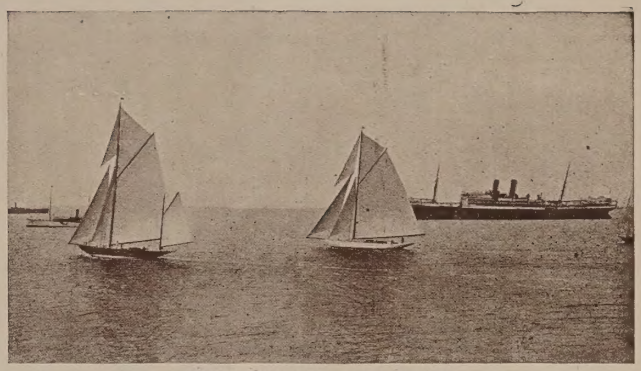
The Countess of Iveagh, C.B.E., M.P., will speak, and invite donors to come forward and present their purses to Her Royal Highness.

God Save the King.

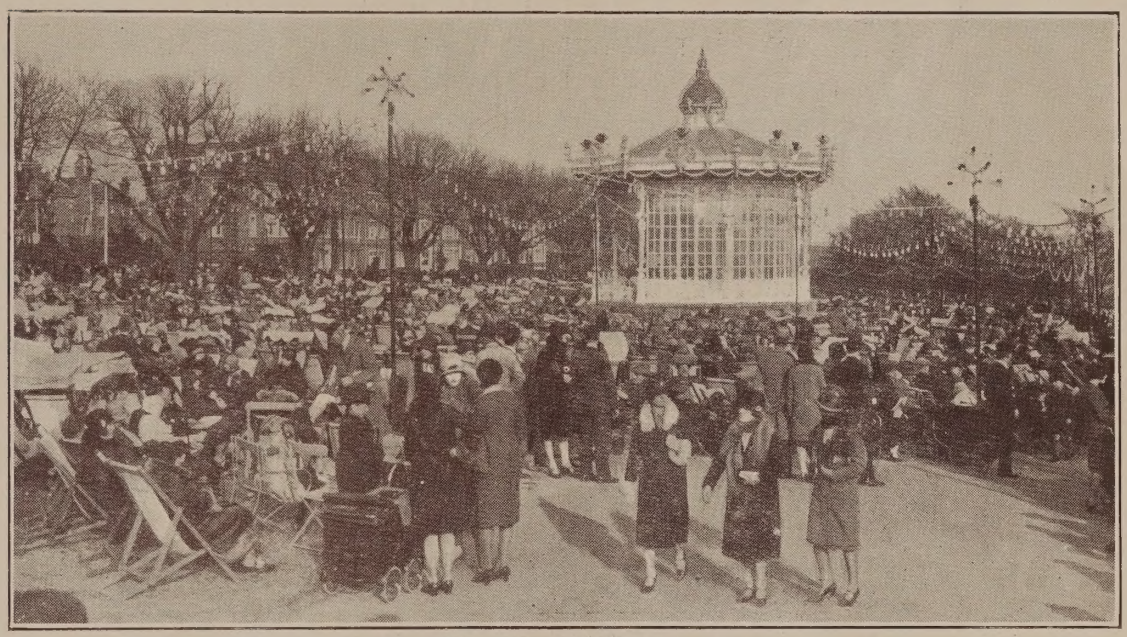


THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL, SOUTHEND.

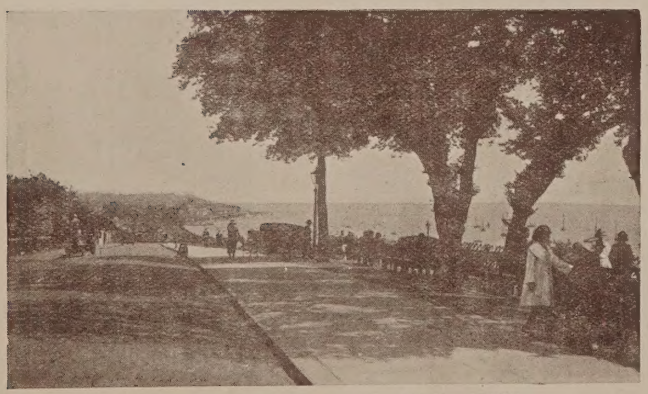
NEW SHELTER ON THE WEST CLIFF.



ROUNDING THE PIER HEAD.

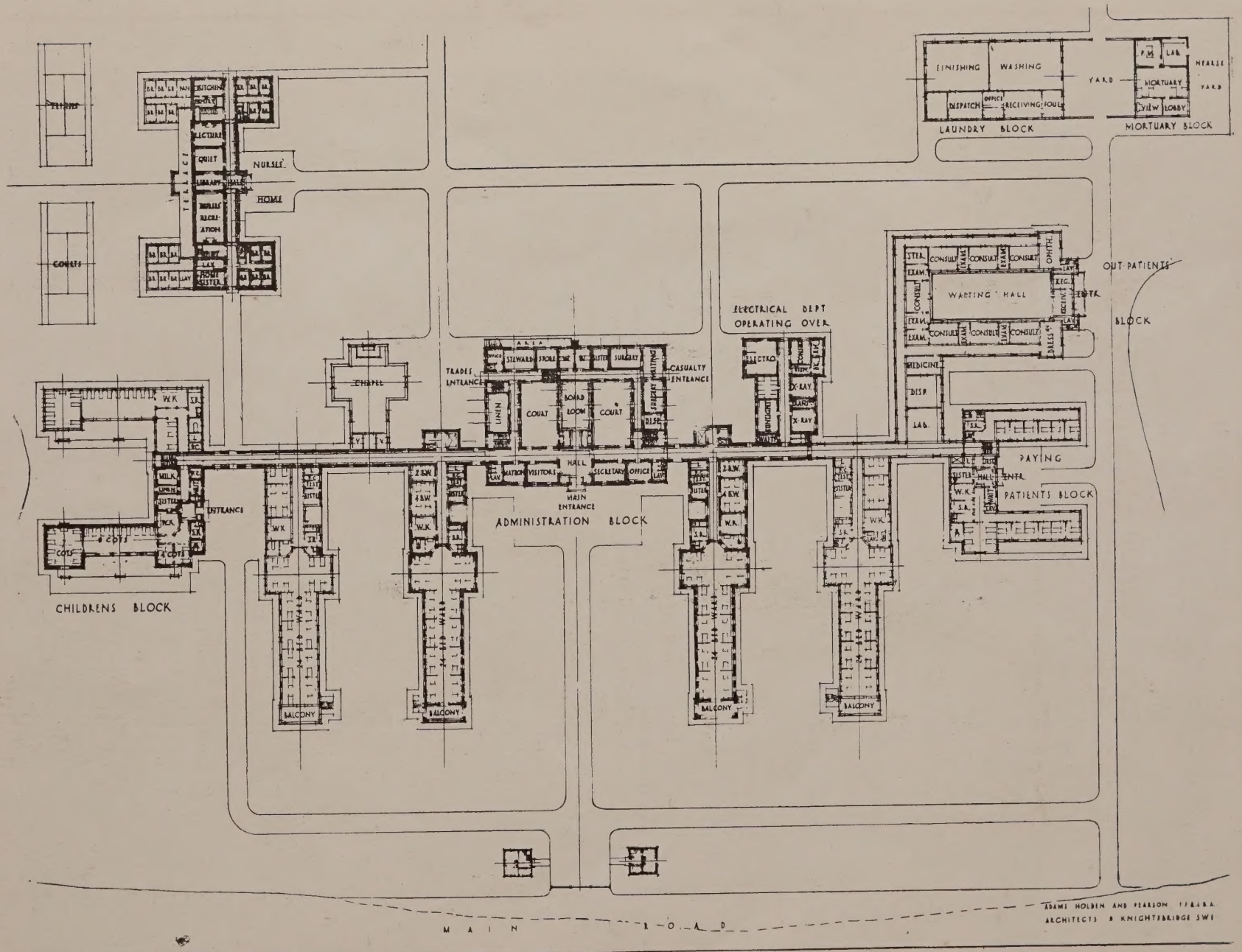


THE CLIFFS BANDSTAND.



A BEAUTIFUL VIEW FROM LEIGH CLIFFS.

WATER LILIES IN PRIORY PARK.



GROUND FLOOR LAY-OUT PLAN. SOUTHEND NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL.

A FEW EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE northern side of the building is taken up by the Administrative Block, Electrical Departments, Operating Theatres, X-Ray and Casualty Department, whilst the Wards themselves, present and proposed, will be situated on the southern side of the main arterial corridor. The general patients' blocks are in the centre, the Children's Wing at the western end, and the eastern end will be taken up by the Paying Patients' block in due course.

The Nurses' Home to accommodate 64, is a separate building on the high ground to the north-west of the site.

Other essential buildings are placed on the north-east of the site.

A TYPICAL WARD.

Each ward has a maximum of 30 beds. It will be noticed that the beds are placed in an original fashion, that is, parallel to the side of the wards instead of at right angles, so as to give the maximum of sunlight and privacy for each patient.

Single-bed wards are provided for patients recovering from the effects of anæsthetics.

Moveable glass screens will allow sub-division throughout the wards.

In every ward will be found, Linen Store, Store for patients' clothes, testing room, Sister's room, Ward Kitchen, Ward Bathroom, etc.

Each ward ends in a deep sun balcony, facing due south.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

Maternity Department.—The first building scheme allows for a Maternity Ward of 26 beds, with suitable one-bed wards. Eventually, it is hoped to add a separate Maternity Block.

CHILDREN'S WING.

The first instalment provides for 40 beds in all, and includes a small Operating Theatre for minor operations, and a Milk Preparation Room. It is designed to allow for almost unlimited extension. Lawns and gardens will be provided for the children, giving seclusion from all other patients.

A separate Entrance Hall is provided for mothers and visitors.

PAYING PATIENTS' BEDS.

At present it is planned to have 26 pay-beds : ultimately there will be a special block at the Eastern End.

ELECTRICAL AND X-RAY DEPARTMENTS.

These include Electrical Therapy room, Radio Therapy room, Lock Light and Dark room, Prints room, and Viewing Cabinet.

THE COMPLETE HOSPITAL.

The accommodation will ultimately be 422 beds.

The Chapel, Out-Patients' Department, and Paying Patients' Block will be added as funds and other circumstances permit.

HOSPITALS - ANCIENT AND MODERN

IN Jerusalem in the eleventh century was founded a religious order which was destined to initiate the greatest work for humanity ever conceived—the Order of the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem. The special duty of its members was to succour the pilgrims who visited the Holy Sepulchre, and the refuges maintained by them were called Hospitals..

In England the growth of the towns was generally accompanied by the provision of one or more " Spitals " attached to the Monasteries; thus in London of the 13th century can be traced St. Bartholemew's Spital, St. Thomas's Spital and St. Mary of Bethlem Spital, maintained by the Church and by alms. After the Reformation, and the consequent dissolution of the monasteries, that of St. Mary of Bethlem was in the year 1547, granted to the citizens of London as a hospital for the insane—whence comes the expression " sent to Bedlam." The two others were saved from extinction as hospitals by the generosity of private citizens, to grow into the world famous " Bart." and "St. Thomas's " hospitals.

The word " hospital " for some time became associated with institutions more or less resembling our own almshouses. In 1611, one, Thomas Sutton, a Lincolnshire gentleman obtained the King's license to found a " Hospital, house or place of abiding for the finding of sustenation or relief of poore aged, maimed or needy, or impotent people," known as " The Charterhouse Hospital."

Compared with the old time " chirurgeon " and his meagre supply of appliances, our doctors to-day inhabit a veritable " Palace of Healing." Our marvels of anæsthetics, antiseptics, and X-Ray, to mention only these, would fill him with wonder; but the spirit is the same as in the old mediæval " spital." Our new modern, model hospital at Southend will owe its capacity for healing to the faithful work of our doctors and scientists—and nurses—throughout the centuries.

The hospitals of England have triumphed. The Voluntary system has been vindicated by their wonderful work and achievements.

They laboured to make life possible for countless thousands to-day; it is in your hands to help them to create a healthier, happier world for the generations of to-morrow.

HOW THE FUND HAS GROWN

In 1926 — The Earl of Iveagh offered £20,000 and a site.

Mr. E. Cecil Jones offered £10,000 towards a Children's Wing in memory of his father—R. A. Jones.

Many other substantial gifts and promises brought the Fund up to £50,000 at the end of 1926.

1927, -28, -29 — The Sportsmen's Appeal, commenced in 1927, has so far brought in £2,244; they hope eventually to raise £5,000 and name a Ward.

The Children's Wing Fund was opened to add £10,000 to Mr. Jones' offer of £10,000, and has so far reached £2,000.

The Building Industry Ladies' Cot Fund was formed to raise £650 for the endowment of a Cot. That sum has already been exceeded.

The Schools Sub-Committee (formed in 1926) has raised £2,600, so far, and aims to reach £5,000 and name a Ward.

The Jewish Community opened a Fund, and have so far raised over £600.

Throughout, there has been a wonderful series of "Events in aid." No words can sufficiently commend the wonderful interest shewn by Churches, Organisations, Societies, and Clubs, of the Borough and District.

The Carnival Committee has achieved results altogether beyond their early hopes.—

In	1926	they	handed over	£600
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,,	1928	,,	,,	£1,600
,,	1929	,,	,,	£2,000

and in each year gave a similar sum to the Victoria Hospital.

In 1929 the Mayor of Southend opened a Fund as a Thankoffering for the recovery of His Majesty the King. It was in response to that appeal that Alderman A. Martin made a gift of £58,000 for maintenance of the New Hospital. A further sum of £2,000 was subscribed by the burgesses.

To-day the Fund has reached £75,000; included in that sum being the additional £1 for £3 so generously given by the Earl of Iveagh for money received during 1929.

Southend-on-Sea and District has indeed responded nobly to the call. Already many new avenues of support have opened up—notably throughout the surrounding districts. We shall go on from to-day with fresh interest, and heightened incentive—who knows but that the end of 1929 will see the Fund reach £100,000?

TUESDAY - NOV. 12th, 1929

AT the glorious beginning of our New Hospital, with Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York to Lay the Foundation Stone, we have cause indeed for gratification.

¶ This is a proud day for us all. For three and a half years we have worked in this Borough and District, looking forward to the commencement of Building; with the strength that comes of unity and high purpose, we shall achieve all that is demanded of us — Service to the Community.

¶ At this time, our last word must be an appeal to everyone to do something — to give something. There is no lack of opportunity; anyone may present a Purse to Her Royal Highness, lay a gift upon the Foundation Stone itself when the ceremony is over, or post a cheque to the Hon. Treasurers.

Let us all give something - however small - for it is a Great Day in a Great Cause.

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